

Building Permit Series

Residential Fences

While permits are no longer required for residential fences six (6) feet in height or under, fencing still needs to meet the requirements of the Lynnwood Municipal Code (LMC). The LMC addresses two types of fences:

1. Vision-Obscuring Fences and Hedges - Allowed in Area "A" below

These include solid or partially open fences and hedges more than three (3) feet in height, not to exceed six (6) feet in height in residentially zoned areas. Maximum height is measured from the elevation of the ground adjacent to the fence on the higher side (LMC 21.10.100.A.1).

2. Non-Vision-Obscuring Fences and Hedges – Allowed in Areas "A" and "B," as well as 30 ft. Intersection Sight Triangle "C" and 15 ft. Driveway Sight Triangle "D" below

These types of fences or hedges include:

- A. Solid or partially open fences up to three (3) feet in height; and
- B. Open fences up to six (6) feet in height in residentially zoned areas.

Open fencing means those fences consisting of open chain link, widely spaced boards or rails, or other materials which provide adequate driver and pedestrian visibility through the fence. Maximum height is measured from the elevation of the ground adjacent to the fence on the higher side; except for solid or partially open fences within sight distance triangles shall be measured from the elevation of the adjacent street (LMC 21.10.100.A.2).

